## **Motor Fuels Tax Rates**

For 2005 the motor fuels tax rates are as follows: January 1 through June 30,  $25.4\phi$ ; July 1 through December 31,  $25.3\phi$ .

Per LB 1161 enacted in the 1998 Legislative Session, motor fuels tax rates will be set semiannually.

The tax rate consists of a fixed portion of 12.5¢ per gallon and a variable rate which is set semiannually. The variable portion of the rate is determined by multiplying the average statewide cost of motor fuels purchased by the State of Nebraska by the variable excise tax percent rate which is set by the State Tax Board.

The semiannual motor fuels tax rate applies to the motor vehicle fuels, and diesel fuel tax programs.

Two cents of the fixed portion of the motor fuels tax rate is credited to the Highway Allocation Fund. The remaining 10.5¢ of the fixed portion is credited to the Highway Trust Fund. Revenue generated by the variable portion of the tax rate is credited to the Highway Cash Fund. Motor fuels tax revenue credited to the Highway Trust Fund is combined with other sources of highway user revenue and distributed to the Highway Cash Fund (53 1/3%) and the Highway Allocation Fund (46 2/3%). Highway Allocation Fund revenue is distributed 50% to cities and 50% to counties.